MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Sir, I am sorry I do not find my way to support the supplementary demand placed before the House. I regret that I might look rather unsporting because the Committee is mainly a committee of non-officials and I will be sitting on hard judgment on a few colleagues of mine. The difference in the estimates is almost double. In reply to a question from me, the Chief Engineer told me that the original estimate was only Rs. 3,000 and now with this additional grant the estimate comes to Rs. 8,000. I cannot swallow a difference of nearly double the estimate. It is a very unsound policy to have the estimate going up to two and three times. One complaint that we have always made against the P. W. D. is that the total grant for the department does not reach the roads and communications in this country. The leakage begins from the head office and goes down to the maistry and not even 50 per cent. of the allotted funds are utilised for the actual construction. Our pious hope was that with the establishment of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee things would improve. But I regret to note that the Committee have contributed their mite to the abuse of funds. Therefore I must record my strongest protest against the attitude of the non-officials who have persuaded the Chief Engineer from behind the screen to come forward with an additional demand of Rs. 5,000.

PRESIDENT: I think the protest might go beyond the Chief Engineer—to the Government also.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: But I find from the answer of the Chief Engineer that it is because the committee went into sub-committees according to all possible permutations and combinations that they were drawing travelling allowances beyond the estimated funds. The whole thing is awkward. I do not wish to talk more upon the subject but I think that this is something which this House cannot very gladly accept.

PRESIDENT: Before putting the matter to vote, I may say that after the constitution of the P W. D. Advisory Committee, Government have definitely pursued the policy of not sanctioning estimates for works unless those estimates and works had been placed before the Committee. Therefore I can grant the necessity and the expediency of the Committee satisfying themselves about the necessity or the urgency of the works. But it is permissible to suggest that the travelling might be done, spread out throughout the year so that the works also might be spread throughout the year and there may not be any rush at the last moment. The constitution of the sub-committees might perhaps be done in a little more equitable manner. But these are matters which I dare say the committee composed of members of the Legislature will themselvs consider.

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XV—JAILS.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 378 for appointing an additional staff of warders in the Central Prison. The

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entertainment of an additional staff of ten warders and one Head Warder is only for three months as a temporary measure. The reason for appointing such a staff are six-fold. One is in connection with the fodder cultivation in the Jail compound. Then, extramural work in the *Thozhuppurai* at Pujappurai demands some staff. Next comes the expanded industrial activities such as leather works and the introduction of more looms in the weaving institution. Then to meet rapid increase in jail population, the existing staff is quite inadequate. Again, there is necessity for block warders in all the blocks. As it is, this very important work is done by the convicts, which is unhealthy, unsatisfactory and dangerous. Very often the convict warders are in league with the convicts and a lot of "hanky-panky" is going on. This kind of work must be taken away from them and warders must be employed for that purpose. The opening of sentry posts in the under-trial segregation and condemend prisoners' wards necessitates the employment of separate warders in addition to the existing staff. Then the main gates have to be watched properly against the entry of contraband articles through them. This aspect of check and patrol work has been found to be very unsatisfactory, so much so a lot of contraband has gone into the jail. It is therefore necessary to entrust this work to a responsible officer at least of the rank of a last grade Head Warder. It may look very humourous to know that a woman has not gone into the jail, but the convicts had immoral intimacy with women outside. Matters have come to such a state. I may also add that with the staff asked for, I may be able to improve the lot of the convicts to a considerable extent, fom the point of view of utility. In these circumstances, I request the House to pass this grant.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 378 under Demand XV—Jails for appointing an additional staff of warders in the Central Prison.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—AGRICULTURE.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 6,140 under Demand XX—Agriculture, for working certain schemes financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. There are three schemes which have been approved by the Council in pursuance of the recommendations of this Government. The first one releates to what is called a 'Village Project' in South Travancore. The basic idea underlying the project is to introduce in the village as a whole all improvements such as tillage methods, manurial treatments, irrigation etc., simultaneously with a view to secure the maximum outturn from land and the greatest possible financial advantage. This scheme is of great importance to Travancore especially in view of the fact that the chief impediment that stands in the way of extending improved methods of agriculture is the extremely fragmented and subdivided nature of the holdings of the cultivators. The village of Thazakudy has been selected for the purpose and the people there are very willing to co-operate with the

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